



**SIG Monthly  
March 2016 Edition**

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## **Lakeview Middle is Making it Happen!** **Meeting the Needs of ALL Learners**

**WE ARE** Lakeview Middle School (LMS)! We are part of Warsaw Community Schools. Our students come to us from four of the eight Warsaw elementary schools. Mrs. Amy K. Sivley is the principal and Mr. Matt Deeds is the assistant principal. Every day, our teachers live our district mission by inspiring and equipping our students as well as enriching their lives!

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** LMS has 533 students; 14.0% are English learners. We have over half of our students on F/R lunch.

**OUR TEACHERS** LMS has 38 certified teachers who are highly collaborative. LMS has one EL teacher on staff and an EL assistant.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** Lakeview recently received a 1003(g) School Improvement Grant. Through this grant, our teachers will be able to obtain their EL and/or High Ability certification and then move onto an administrative license, if they choose. This will allow our teachers to meet the needs of ALL students in our building.

**OUR STEPS** We currently have eleven staff (nine teachers and two administrators) that will begin the EL certification next fall. This will be done at Lakeview through an agreement with Huntington University. Ten staff members have elected to start the online High Ability certification through Ball State University.

Once staff members have earned their certification, we will have a team that will create a series of PD opportunities for future employees. When writing the grant, we realized that the money will go away but the skills that our teachers gain will not. These skills will continually be shared with new staff to ensure that we are meeting the needs of ALL students.





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## Reminders and Updates

**IDOE Team:** Our team has recently said goodbye to our director, Charlie Geier. Charlie accepted a new position at the Indiana Youth Institute. We wish him the best of luck and have appreciated his guidance while at the department. Our new Early Learning Interventions director is Nathan Williamson. Nathan has previously worked as an English Learner Specialist at the DOE until August of 2015 when he temporarily left to be the director at one of the Migrant Centers. We are thrilled to have Nathan back on our team and look forward to collaborating with him on SIG efforts.

### Upcoming SIG Agenda

Cohort	Data Dashboard Submission	WebEX Meeting	Virtual Visit	Onsite Visit	Summer SIG PD
Cohort 4	March 25	--	April 15	Conducted in Feb.	May
Cohort 5	March 25	April 6 at 10am	March/April	March/April/May	May
Cohort 6	March 25	April 6 at 2pm	March/April	March/April/May	May

**WebEx:** We will have a WebEx on **April 6** for Cohorts 5 and 6 to discuss data dashboards. Cohort 5 will specifically look at FACE data. More WebEX info will be sent out in the near future.

**Virtual Visit:** A Virtual Visit (VV) is an alternative to making an onsite visit to each school. These visits typically last 60 minutes and focus on how implementation of the grant is going. The VVs' will be scheduled between March and April with individual schools.

**Onsite Visit:** Onsite visits will be conducted in SIG schools from March through early days of May and last at most three hours. We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things our schools have accomplished.

**Summer PD:** Our summer PD will be held in two regional locations at our graduating SIG schools in May. We will be finalizing details soon and share information regarding dates and agenda items. We are delighted to have our schools visiting each other and create PD around this opportunity.

## Highlights

**STLC's Blog:** Turnaround in Action- features your Indiana Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Intervention. Select the link to read our most recent March blog: [SIG Reflections](#).

**ESSA:** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replaces No Child Left Behind. The new ESSA will begin to take effect in August of 2016 and our current waiver from certain aspects of No Child Left Behind remains in effect until then. See attached [press release](#) to learn more. A copy of the waiver application can be found [here](#).

**Promising Practices:** The Promising Practice initiative has grown throughout the entire department and the Superintendent has taken notice. The IDOE wants to collect 200 Indiana Promising Practices to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial in December. Please check out the Promising Practices website to see what other schools in Indiana are doing: <http://www.doe.in.gov/outreach/promising-practices>.

**SIG Highlights:** Do you have something you would like to highlight for your school? Contact Audrey at [acarnahan@doe.in.gov](mailto:acarnahan@doe.in.gov) to be featured in a newsletter and on the IDOE website.



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## Resources and Opportunities

### Resources

#### **SIG Google+ Community:**

We take feedback seriously from our SIG schools on how to improve and communicate more efficiently. A few suggestions included a Google+ Community. Please [click here](#) to find our newly created SIG Google+ Community. Share this page with your administration team and teachers to network with schools and share as much as you want.

### Opportunities

**Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning:** The 2016 Summit brings together youth programs and community partners to connect, learn new ideas, access valuable resources, and transform learning beyond the school day for Indiana youth. The event will be held at the Indiana Convention Center on Monday, April 11, 2016 - Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Register as soon as possible to learn more about outstanding after school programs. [Click here to register.](#)

**Schoolhouse News**, from the Indiana Association of School Principals is full of timely, pertinent information to keep you up to date and informed regarding educational matters around the state [www.iasp.org/shn/02.26.16.pdf](http://www.iasp.org/shn/02.26.16.pdf).

**The Indiana Pathways Innovation Network** will hold three regional workshops this spring to continue the work begun last year on building a Career Pathways System Framework. Planning for Pathways is designed to help you and your organization take the early action steps required for career pathways planning and implementation. See the attached [flyer](#) for locations and dates.

**Spring Semester 2016:** Teaching with Primary Sources Institutes that will be offered by the [Indiana University Center on Representative Government](#)

**INTASS:** free, online evaluator training is being offered again this semester. Participants will earn a **certification that** is recognized by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) and that provides strong evidence of evaluation program quality for state monitoring purposes. Participants will also earn 6 hours of **Professional Growth Points** (PGPs). See the [attached flyer](#).

**Indiana Education Service Centers:** offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)